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BOSTON MARRIOTT HOTEL WORKERS ON STRIKE

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As of 5:00AM UNITE HERE Local 26 hotel workers are on strike at 7 Marriott hotels in Boston

PLEASE DON'T CROSS PICKET LINES
Instead, join workers on their the picket lines from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at any of the 7 hotels:

Aloft Boston Seaport District, the Element Boston Seaport District, the Ritz-Carlton Boston, the Sheraton Boston, the W Hotel Boston, the Westin Boston Waterfront, and the Westin Copley Place.

Historic strike at the biggest hotel employer in Boston
Workers say: "One Job Should Be Enough" to wealthiest hotel company in the world

UNITE HERE Local 26 hotel workers from doormen to housekeepers are on strike at 7 downtown Boston hotels, all operated by Marriott International.

Over 1,500 Marriott hotel workers in Boston are on strike. They have traded in their mops, trays, and uniforms for picket signs and drums. Workers walked out at seven Marriott-operated hotels today, including the This is the first hotel strike in Boston's history. The last time Local 26 workers went on strike was at Harvard in October 2016, when dining hall workers walked out for 22 days and successfully settled a contract with the world's richest university.

Hotel workers called for a strike after Marriott failed meet workers' modest demand that One Job Should Be Enough, despite months of negotiations.

"I am striking because I have to work three jobs to try and cover all my family's expenses," said Brooke Melanson, a bartender at the Westin Boston Waterfront. "Just like any parent, I want time with my children to see them grow up. We hear all the time how well Marriott is doing. We want Marriott to recognize our contribution to their success."

Marriott workers want jobs that allow them to live in Boston.

They want to afford their rent, provide for their families, and retire with dignity. They want to work in safe conditions and have job security, including a say in how new technologies are introduced to the hospitality industry.

"Marriott has forced this strike. After 5 years of record profits and more than 6 months of contract talks Marriott still doesn't get it," said UNITE HERE Local 26 President Brian Lang. "It's our work that creates the great experience for the hotel guests. We are the reason that they keep coming back. Our demand is modest and fair, One Job Should be Enough."

Local 26 is asking the public to not cross picket lines by not patronizing any Marriott hotels while where workers are on strike. UNITE HERE maintains MarriottTravelAlert.org, a service that informs Marriott hotel customers of labor disputes.

Marriott faces potential strikes in San Francisco, Detroit, Seattle, San Jose, San Diego, Oakland, and Hawaii, as thousands of workers are demanding that One Job Should Be Enough.

UNITE HERE Local 26 is the hospitality workers' union and represents more than 10,000 members working in the hotel, food service, and airport industries in Boston and Rhode Island. Learn more at www.local26.org
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